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Dublin, April 29.—The peace conference of the Republicans and Free Staters broke down today largely because of De Valera's followers being unwilling to consent to an immediate election. Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, and Michael Collins, head of the provincial Government, went the limit in endeavoring to meet objections, while De Valera and Charles Burgess for the Republicans offered to hold a plebiscite on the Free State treaty and to place the Government in the hands of a "council of State" appointed by the Dail.

The anti-treaty leaders, however, insist on postponement of the election for six months and maintaining the Irish Republican army under an independent executive.

Political severance is now accepted as final, although old army comradeship may produce a private and informal army conference next week. The abhorrence all the old army leaders feel at the shooting of any Irishman, especially their former comrades, which the murder of Protestants in Cork and Mullingar has greatly accentuated, is working powerfully to prevent a civil war.

### Labor Men Regret Failure.

The conference which failed today included representatives of the Labor party, which made a statement that no agreement was reached, regretting that prolongation of the conference could serve no useful purpose.

Arrangements are proceeding among certain men who, though not rivals, retain their old friendship and meet frequently in the houses where they hid from the British occasionally during the fighting last year. It is said that Collins went to one of these places immediately after the recent attempt upon his life and met some of his old friends who were members of the secessionist army to talk over the situation. Such contact continues, whatever the variance in political opinions; and in this lies much hope.

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### Say It Is Time to Act.

The Free State now must assume sovereign authority, assuring a free vote on the people's approval of the treaty that was signed by their authorized plenipotentiaries, according to the statement to-night, which adds: "This duty will be discharged on the conviction of Abraham Lincoln that the will of the people must be supreme, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

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### OLD MEN SHOT DOWN AT HOMES IN CORK

Widows at Inquest Tell of  
Their Murdered Husbands.

Cork, April 29 (Associated Press).—Further details of the shootings in the West Cork district were given at the inquest into some of the cases held here today. The eighty-year-old widow of James Buttmer testified that in response to knocking at the door of their house at 1 o'clock in the morning she lighted a candle and came to the door with her husband.

"What do you want, boys?" Buttmer said, as he opened the door. "We want to talk to you," they answered, and she responded: "Sure, you wouldn't take a poor man like him?"

"Go to bed, we don't want you," was their reply, and her husband said: "Sure, you won't take an old man of 82 years?" Then, said Mrs. Buttmer, the fatal shots were fired, the aged man dropping to the floor and never speaking again.

Mrs. David Grey went as she described the shooting of her husband, a druggist, aged 34. There was knocking and shouting at the door of their house, which was burst open. She heard a shot and the sound of her husband's body falling. There then were more shots, with voices saying several times, "Take it, you Free Staters!"

Mrs. Grey said she remained with her children inside and that after the party left she found her husband's body on the doorstep.

It was stated that Francis Fitzmaurice, aged 72, was shot and fatally wounded as he stood in the hallway of his house. He lived three or four minutes after the shooting. About a dozen shots were fired at him in volleys.

**BONDED WHISKY STOCKS  
ARE SEIZED IN KILKENNY**  
Irregular Troops Busy in  
Other Cities to Cut Revenues.

BELFAST, April 29 (Associated Press).—Irregular Republican troops today seized the bonded stores in Kilkenny and removed the whole stock of whisky to the Kilkenny jail. Free State officers went to the jail and issued an ultimatum to the commander of the irregulars that unless the property was surrendered by 5 o'clock this afternoon Free State troops would move to the prison and take it by force.

All the bonded stores in Cork, Limerick, Galway and other south and west centers also have been seized by irregulars, with the apparent intention of de-

priving the Irish provisional Government of revenue.  
A veritable reign of terror continues in the districts west of Cork, as a result of the shooting of eight leading residents yesterday and the wounding of others. All male residents who could left to-day on trains for Cork, all of which were crowded.

### VANDERGRIFT DEMANDS RECEIVER FOR \$125,000

Makes Plea in Difficulties  
With Wife.

Justice Lehman in Supreme Court has been asked by John M. Vandergrift of 44 West Fifth-street to appoint a receiver for mortgages and other securities worth \$125,000 deposited with a trust company in Pittsburgh. The securities were taken on deposit by Mrs. Sybil M. Vandergrift, wife of the claimant and who at one time was his stepmother.

### GIRL, 7, WINS DIVORCE FOR HER REAL FATHER

Supreme Court Justice Faber in Brooklyn yesterday granted to Harold F. Hexamer, a farmer of Old South road, Jamaica South, an interlocutory decree of divorce from Mrs. Elma O. Hexamer of 124 Emerson place, Brooklyn, after his daughter, Isabelle Mathilda Hexamer, 7 years old, had taken the stand against her mother. The child's custody also was given to Mr. Hexamer.

Isabelle, under the questioning of Justice Faber, said she did not love her mother because Mrs. Hexamer had punished her and also because she discovered the man she thought was her "daddy" was not. The Hexamers were married eight years ago. The evidence mentioned a raid on October 20.

Mrs. Hexamer was Miss Emma Tudor, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tudor of 4 Helen avenue, South Ozone Park, are said to claim lineal descent from Henry VIII. She offered no defense, but made a plea for the custody of Isabelle, although she admitted having had another child.

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The third annual entertainment and reception of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association will be held in the Hotel Pennsylvania May 3. Daniel M. Brady will be the guest of honor.

Part of the proceeds of the affair are to go to the wounded men from overseas and more than 400 of the wounded men who are still in hospitals and badly crippled will be guests for that particular evening.

The opening gun is to be fired for the club house for the Rainbow Division Veterans of the State of New York, which is largely composed of the 165th United States Infantry (Old Sixty-ninth) who served overseas.

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